(b) the amount spent as salaries to Non-Gazetted Officers and their dearness allowance; and

(c) the amount similarly spent for the peons?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The total amount spent on salaries of officers on Rs. 1,000 and above is Rs. 42·99 lakhs per annum. The total amount spent on their dearness allowance is Rs. 1·92 lakhs per annum.

" (b) The expenditure on salaries of non-gazetted officers excluding peons and village establishments is Rs. 981·42 lakhs per annum. The amount spent on their dearness allowance is Rs. 431·25 lakhs. The expenditure on salaries and dearness allowance of village establishments amounts to Rs. 171·83 lakhs per annum and Rs. 67·41 lakhs per annum respectively.

" (c) The amount spent on salaries of peons is Rs. 68·96 lakhs. The amount spent on their dearness allowance is Rs. 58·97 lakhs."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఈ రాష్ట్రంలోని N.G.O. లకు Central Pay Commission వారి report ప్రకారం జీతాలివ్వాలంటే ఇంకా ఎంత ఎక్కువ ఖర్చు పెట్టవలసిన అవసరం ఉంటుంది."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice, Sir."

Peons of the Revenue department of the former Pudukkottai State.

* 289 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of peons of the Revenue department of the former Pudukkottai State found to be surplus after merger;

(b) what has been done with the surplus, if any;

(c) whether it is a fact that permanent peons declared surplus are transferred outside Pudukkottai Division without Madras scales of pay;

(d) the number of such permanent peons declared surplus and transferred out of Pudukottai;

(e) whether it is a fact that the places of these permanent peons are filled by temporary hands on Madras scales of pay; and

(f) if so, how many, and the reasons for such anomalous arrangement?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a), (b), (c) & (d) Out of 123 permanent peons who had to be absorbed in the Revenue Department consequent on the merger of Pudukottai State only 66 are required for the newly formed Pudukottai division to fill up the permanent posts in the Sub-Collector's Office, Taluk offices and Stationary Sub-Magistrate's Office. The remaining 57 peons have been found surplus to requirements of the

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Revenue department and they have been transferred to various departments outside the Pudukkottai division. The question of permanent absorption of these peons and of giving them the Madras scales of pay is under the consideration of the Government.

"(e) & (f) Yes. The number of temporary peons appointed is not readily available. The temporary peons are appointed only in short vacancies caused by leave, etc., and they will have to be ousted when permanent incumbents join."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, is it a fact that these surplus peons had applied for retirement on some advantageous terms rather than be allowed to take up employment elsewhere on Pudukkottai scales of pay and not on the advantageous Madras scales of pay? " 2–20 p.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, we have made some supernumerary appointments also in order to make it possible for some of these peons to get permanency."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Will these peons be retransferred to Pudukkottai, Sir, whenever vacancies occur, in the interests of these low-paid peons? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Oh, Yes, Sir; certainly."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister told us that there are surplus peons. Are we to infer that the Pudukkottai State had recruited more peons than were absolutely necessary, for their Revenue department? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Probably it was done under the Durbar conditions, Sir."

Manufacture of neera in the State.

* 290 Q.—SRI C. V. K. RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to encourage the manufacture of neera in the State?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Yes, Sir, Government are considering the ways and means by which neera can be made available to the public without detriment to the policy of enforcement of Prohibition."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister clarify the statement ' without detriment to the enforcement of prohibition '. It is so vague and sweeping."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No, Sir, it is not vague."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Sir, when the Government have accepted the principle of supplying neera to the people of the State, may I know why the Government should not take steps to